

Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I am a retired teacher who spent seventeen years as a waiter during college and my first years of teaching.

I could not afford a decent car or apartment on a teacher's salary. Therefore, I held other jobs and paid into Social Security. Since retirement, I am not entitled to the full amount I contributed to SS.

Please take action to **pass the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 235/S, 484)**, which would repeal the unfair Government Pension Offset.

Why should educators, police officers, and firefighters, who never made high salaries, have this unfair action against them?

If Congress plans overall social security reform, Please repeal the GPO and WEP as part of any reform package.

On behalf of educators, police officers, and firefighters, repeal the WEP and GPO to show your appreciation for public servants who also worked other jobs to qualify for SS.

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